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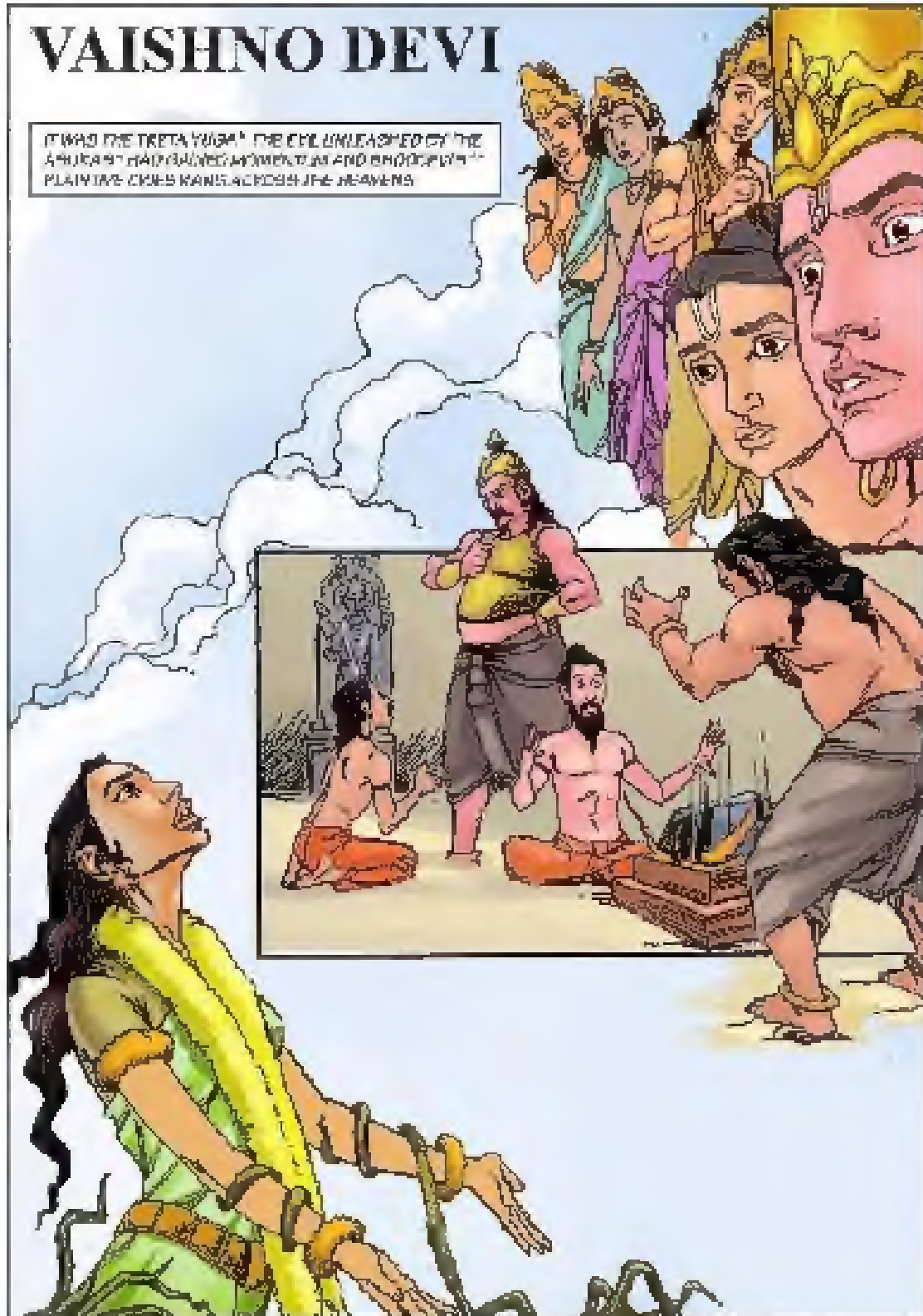
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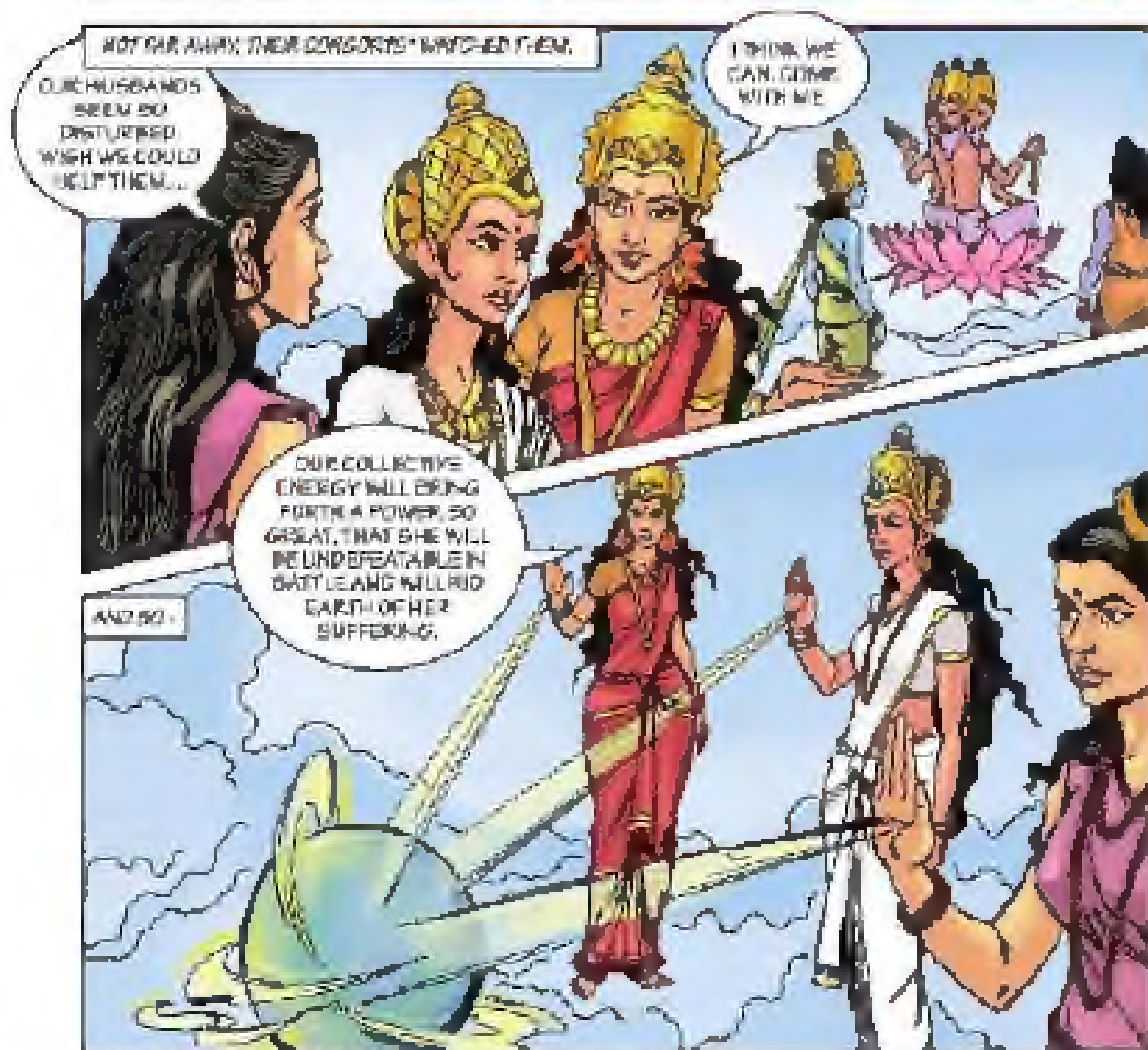
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IT WAS THE TRETAYUGA\* THE ONE UNLEASHED BY THE  
AMURAS\*\* HAD GAINED MOMENTUM AND BROODING\*\*\*  
PLAINTIVE CRIES WANE ACROSS THE HEAVENS



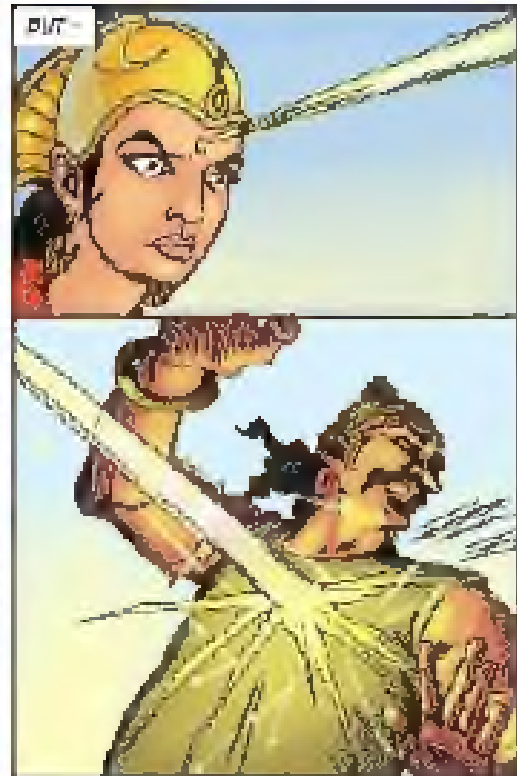
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\*\*DEVIATING

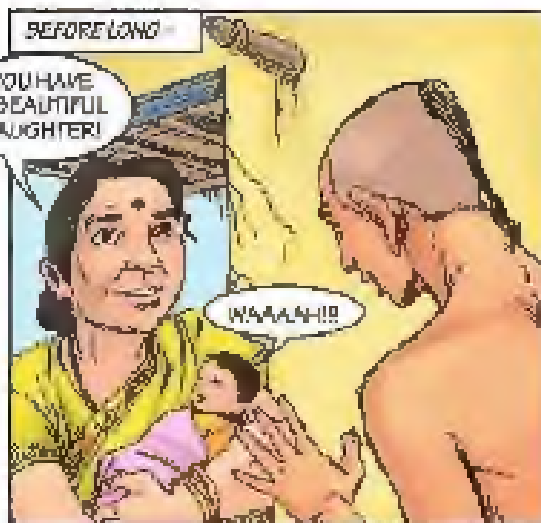
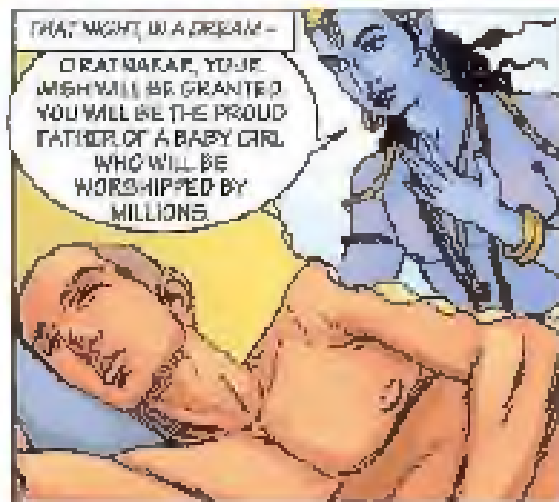
\*\*\*THE EARTH



\* SARASWATI, LAKSHMI AND PREKSHI









TRINITA GREW UP TO BE AN ACCOMPLISHED AND BEAUTIFUL MAIDEN

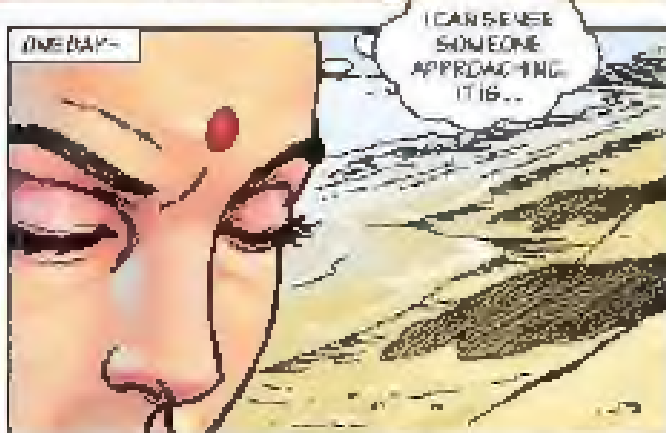


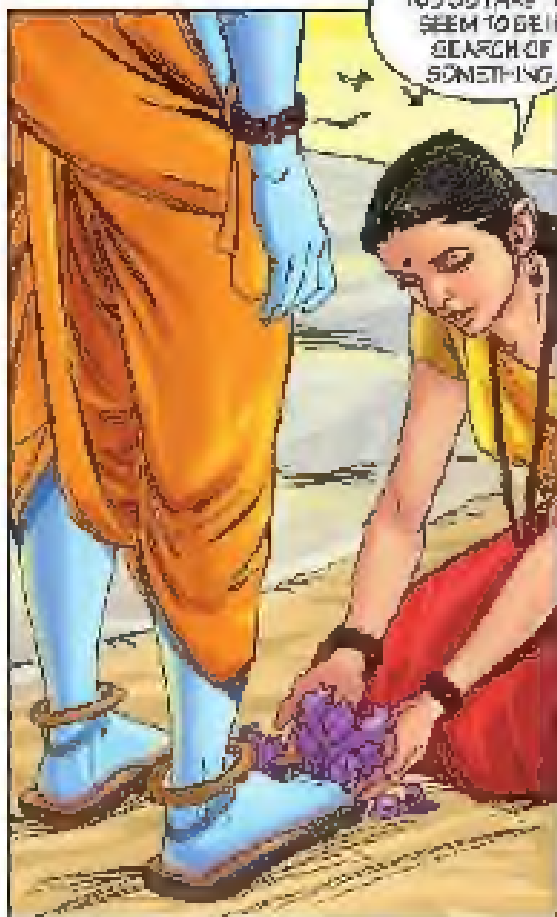
ONE DAY-

FATHER,  
I SEEK YOUR  
PERMISSION, I WISH TO  
DO PENANCE AND SEEK  
THE BLESSINGS OF  
LORD VENKAT

SHE IS BUT  
A MERE CHILD, HOW  
CAN I LET HER GO? YET  
I MUST, SHE IS DESIGNED  
FOR GREATER  
THINGS

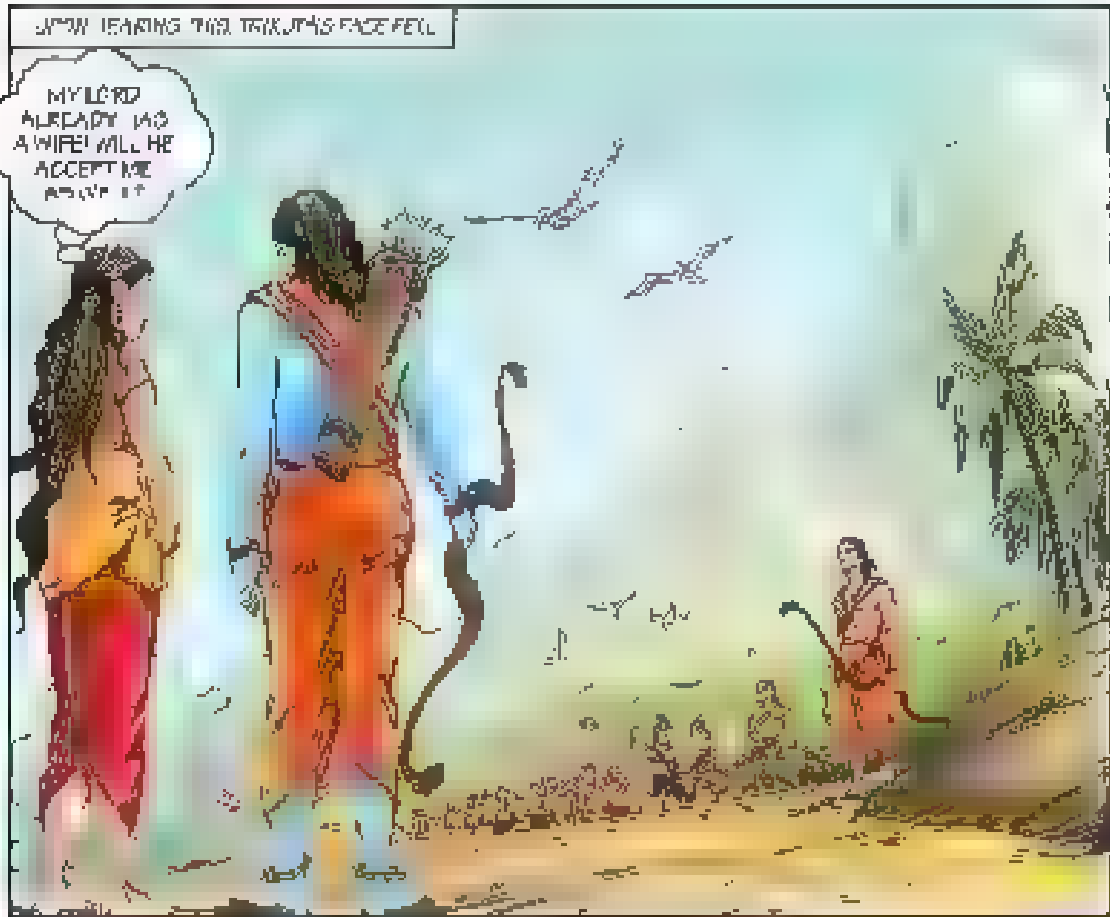






UPON HEARING THIS TRIKUTA'S FACE FELT

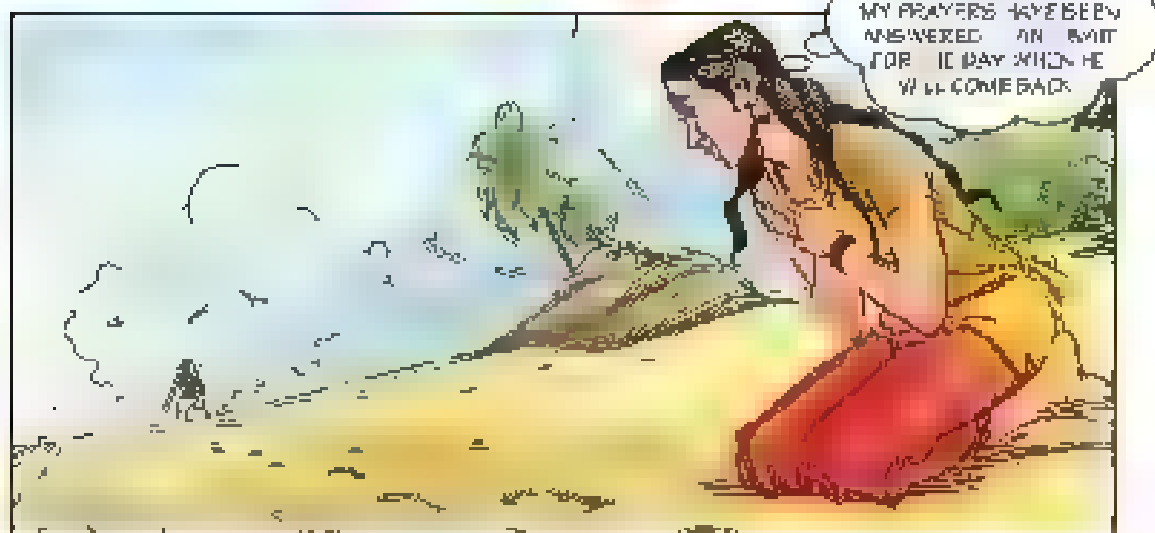
MY LORD  
ALREADY HAS  
A WIFE! WILL HE  
ACCEPT ME  
NOW?



RAMA UNDERSTOOD TRIKUTA'S THOUGHTS

TRIKUTA SITA IS  
MY WIFE AND CANNOT  
ACCEPT ANOTHER  
HOWEVER AM PLEASED  
W/ H' R DEVOTION AND  
HENCEFORH NAME YOU  
YASHINI







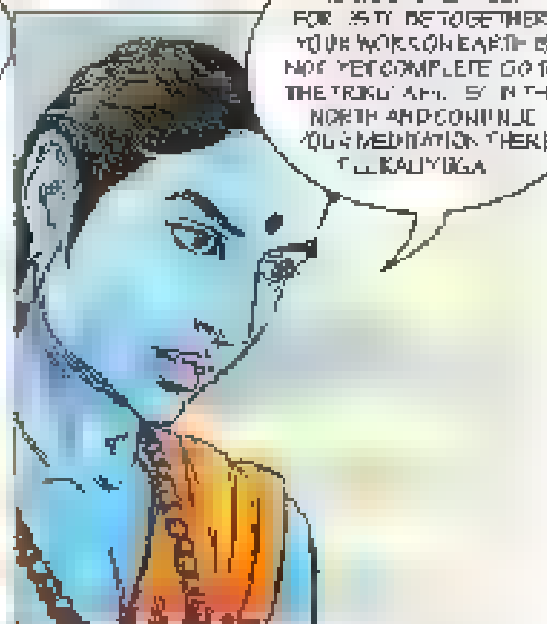


AS SOON AS SHE ENTERED THE HOUSE, VISHNU HAD REALIZED HER IDENTITY



MY LORD, FORGIVE ME IN MY HASTE AND ARROGANCE I COULD NOT RECOGNIZE YOU

RISE VISHNU! THE TIME IS NOT RIGHT FOR US TO BE TOGETHER YOUR WORK ON EARTH IS NOT YET COMPLETE GO TO THE TRUNGAHILLS IN THE NORTH AND CONTINUE YOUR MEDITATION THERE TIL KALUYUGA



~IN MODERN DAY INDIA~

~LAST OF THE FOUR YUGAS THE AGE OF DESTRUCTION~

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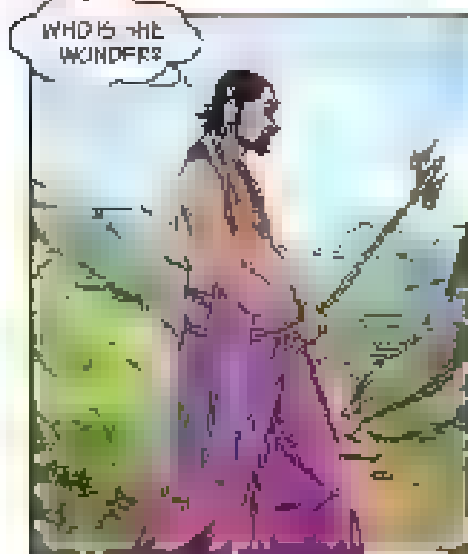
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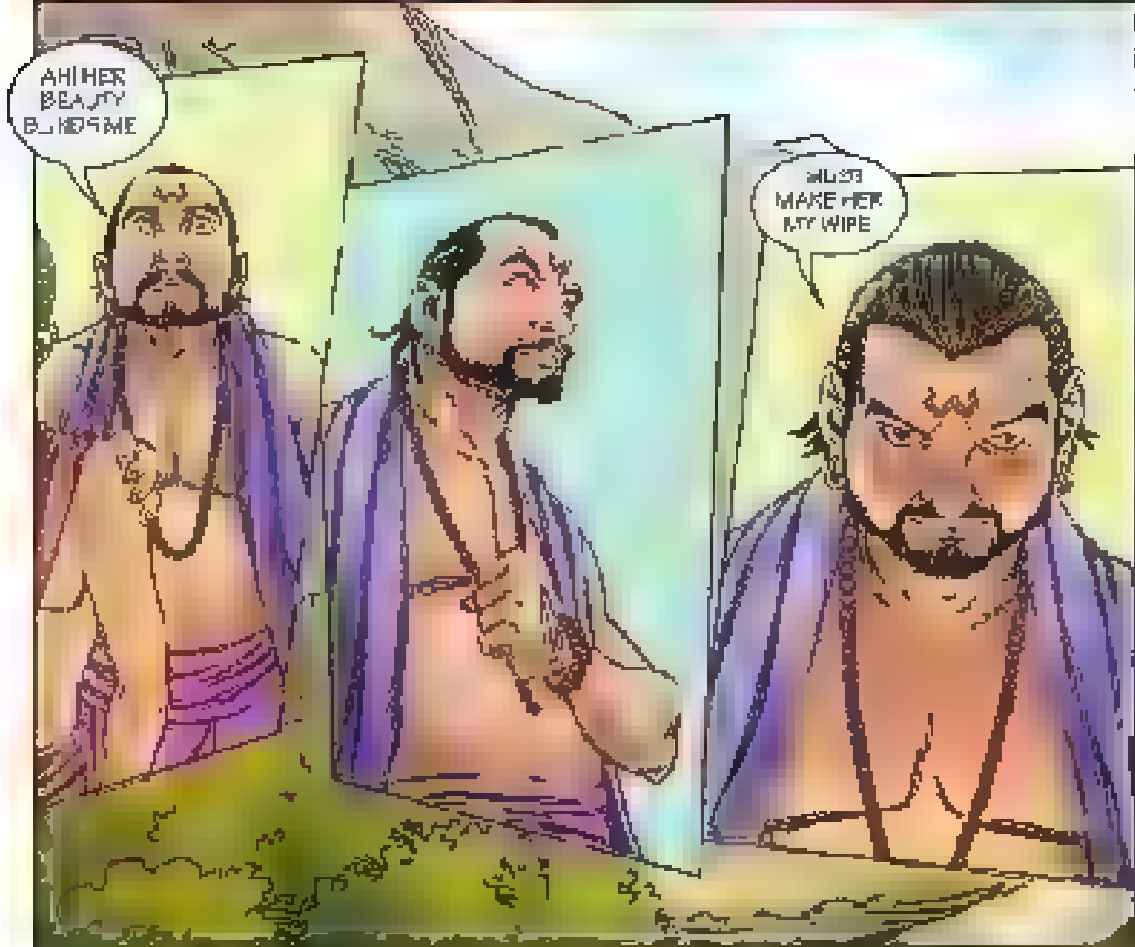
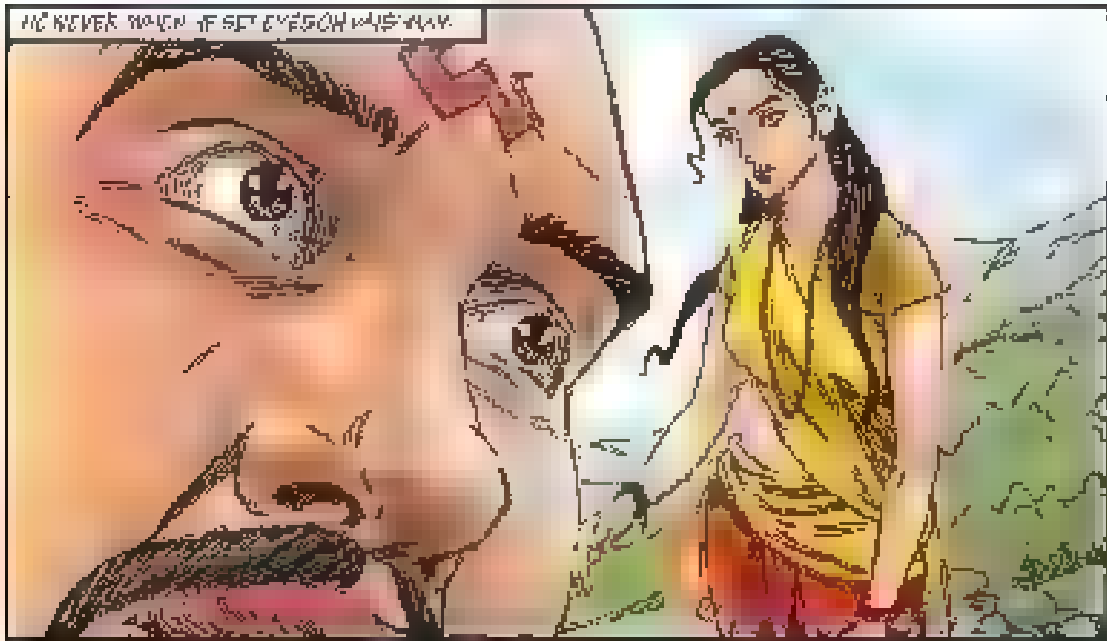


44' 15"  
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WHEN EVERYONE HAD LEFT

VADHWAY-  
AM I STUCK BY  
YOUR BEAUTY AND  
WILL BE MY WIFE  
WILLING OR  
WILL CARRY YOU  
AWAY BY FORCE

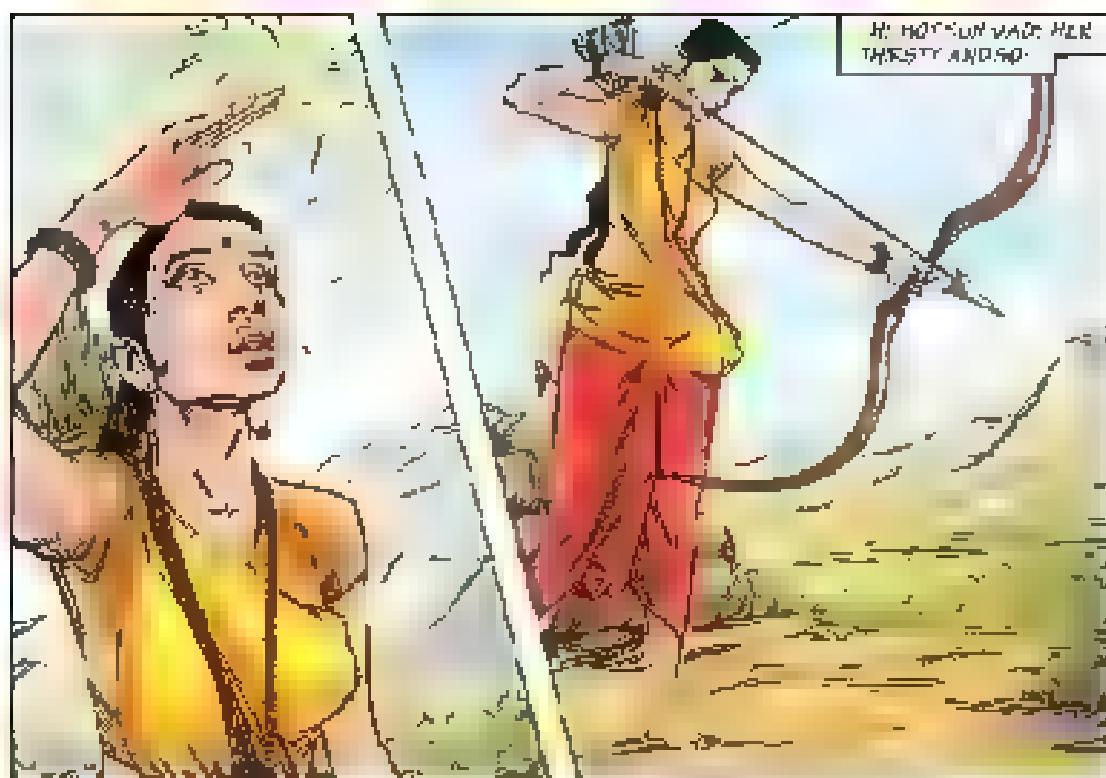


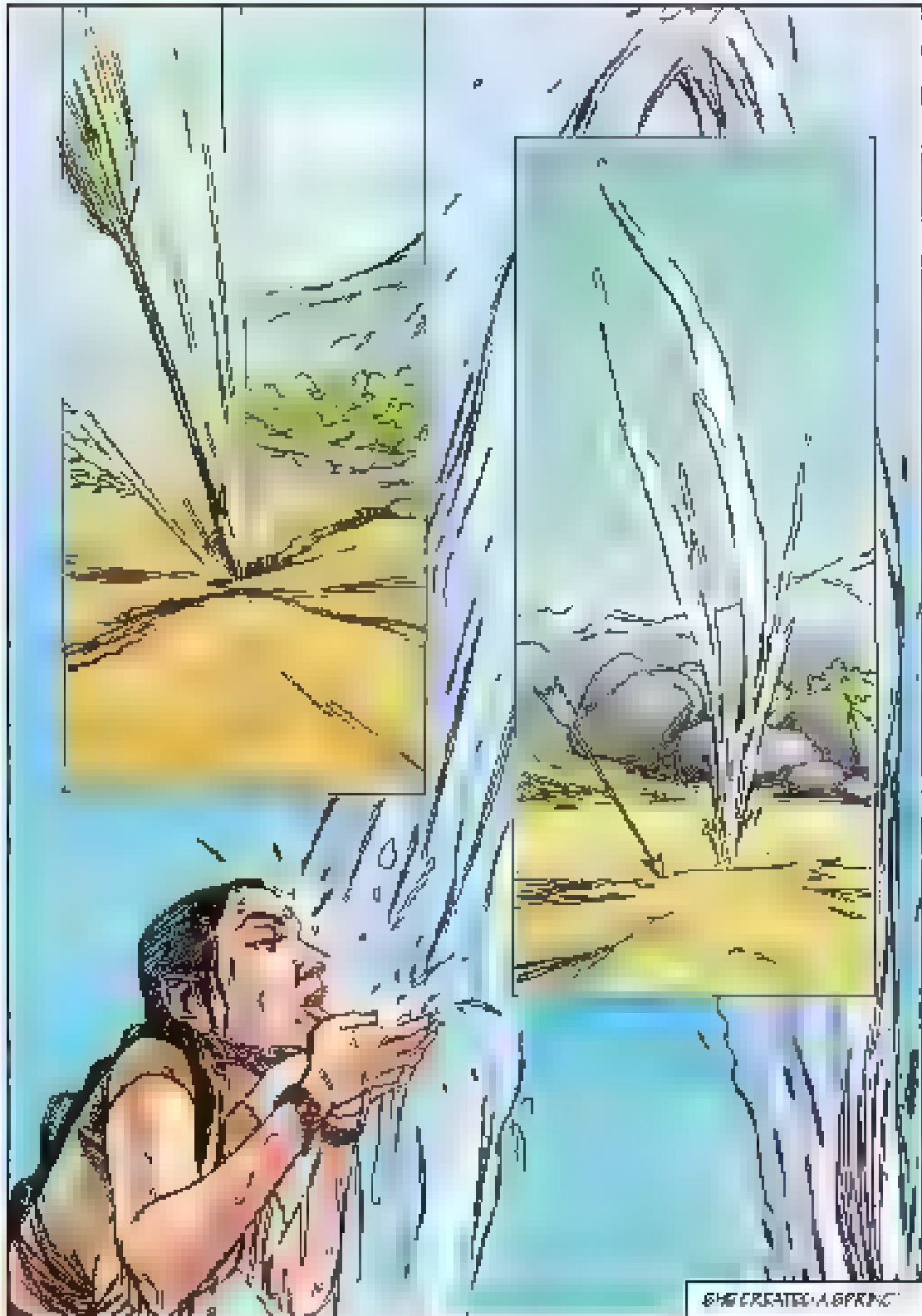
HOW DARE YOU  
SPEAK TO ME LIKE  
THAT MY HEART IS  
BEYOND VISHNU AND  
THAT HE WILL BE MY  
HUSBAND



UNDERSTOOD BHARON REJOINED HIS SISTER VASHMA

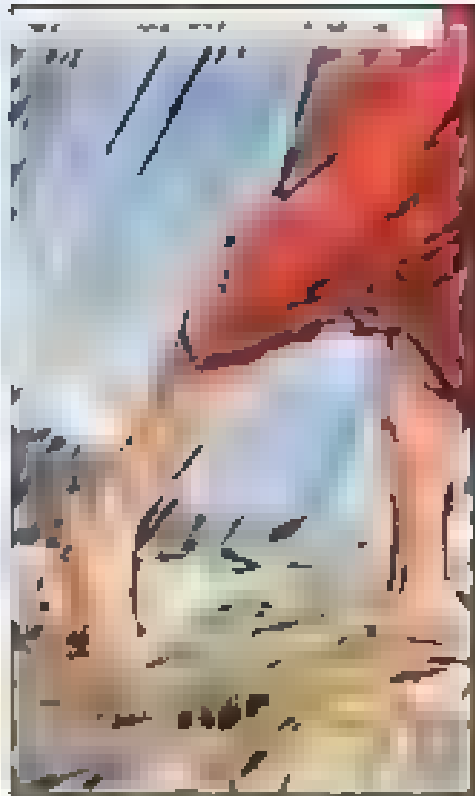






SHG CREATED A SPRING

ONLY AT FORBAYSAWA BAYNFAUS AREA AND  
GINGA IS SYNONYMOUS WITH SACKET RIVER



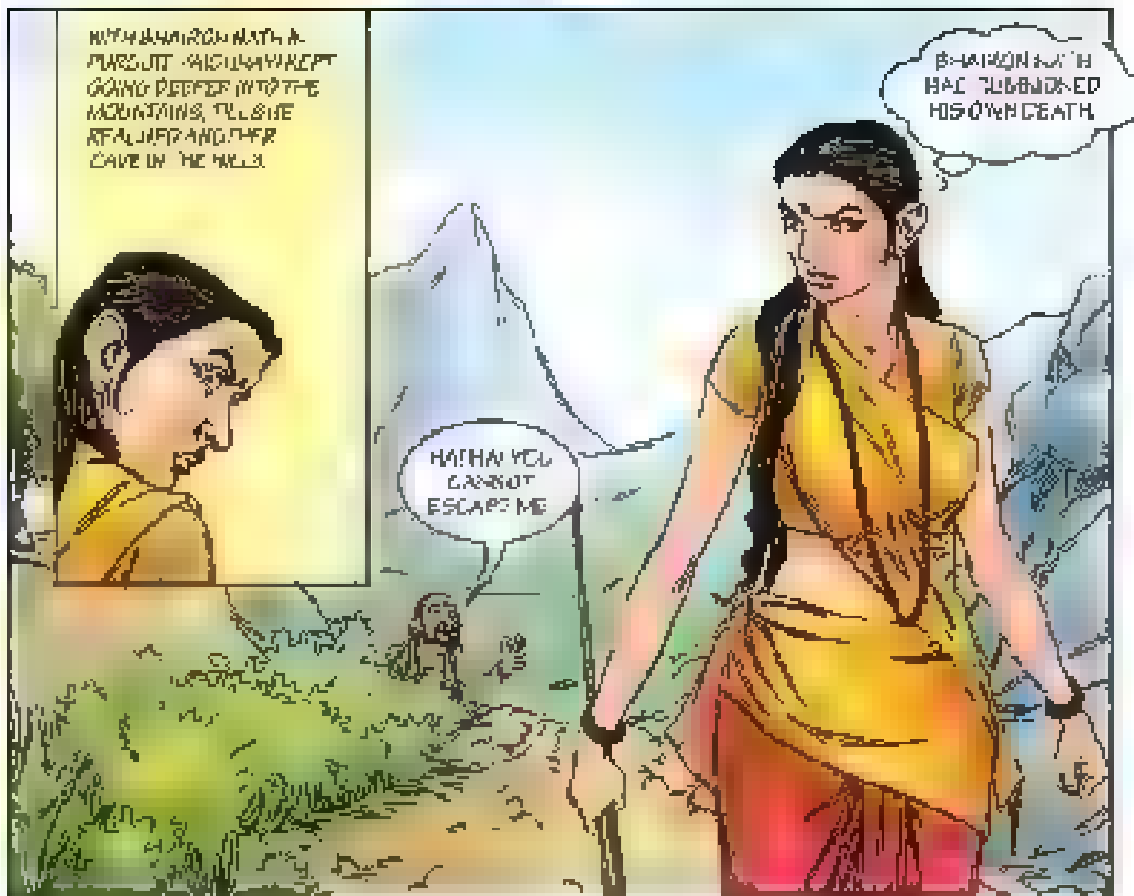
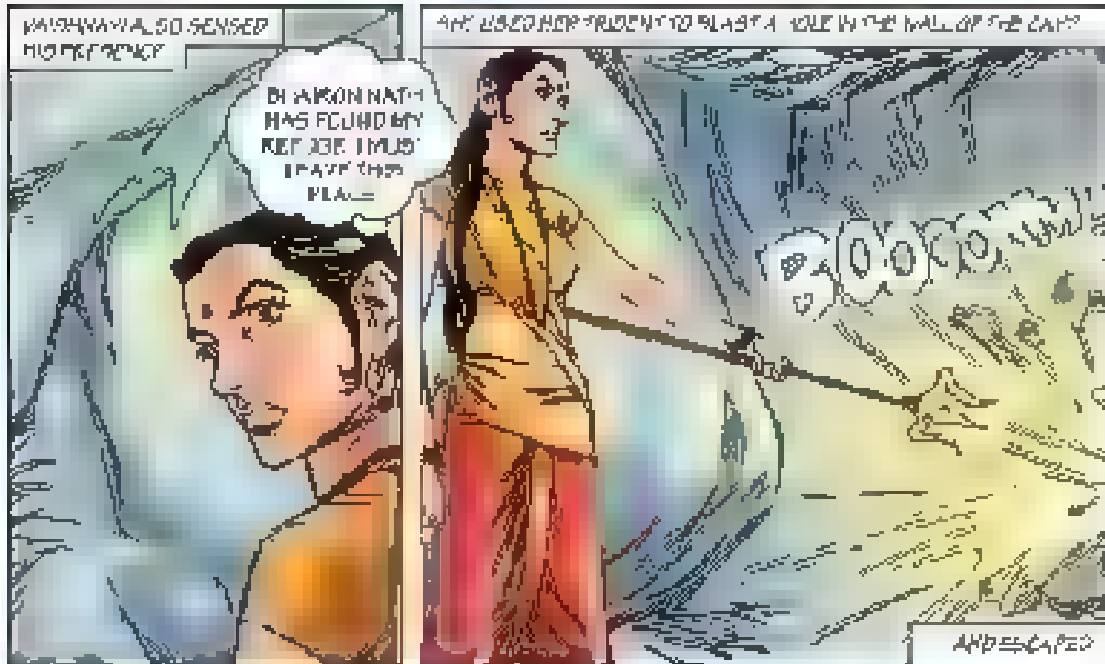
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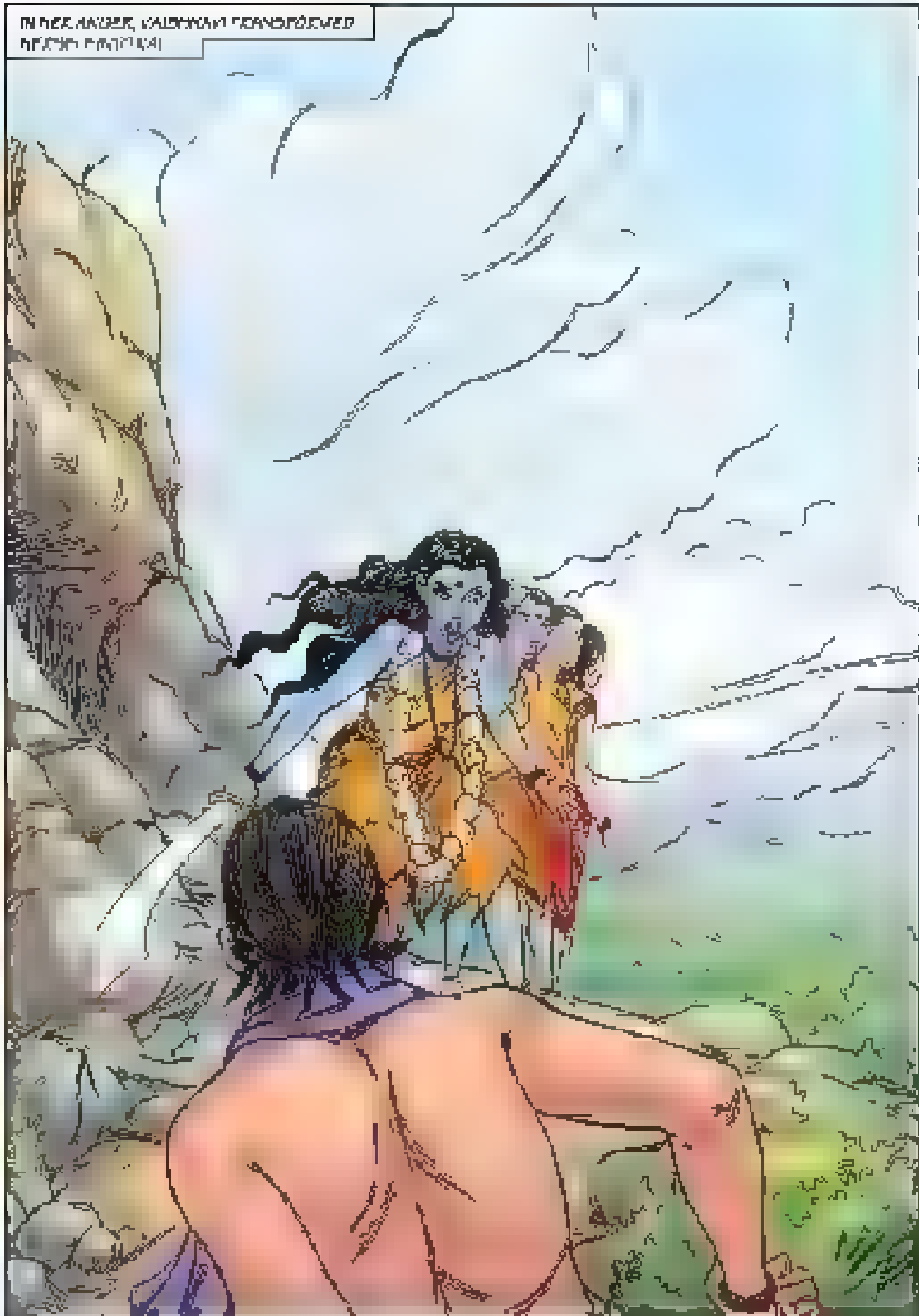


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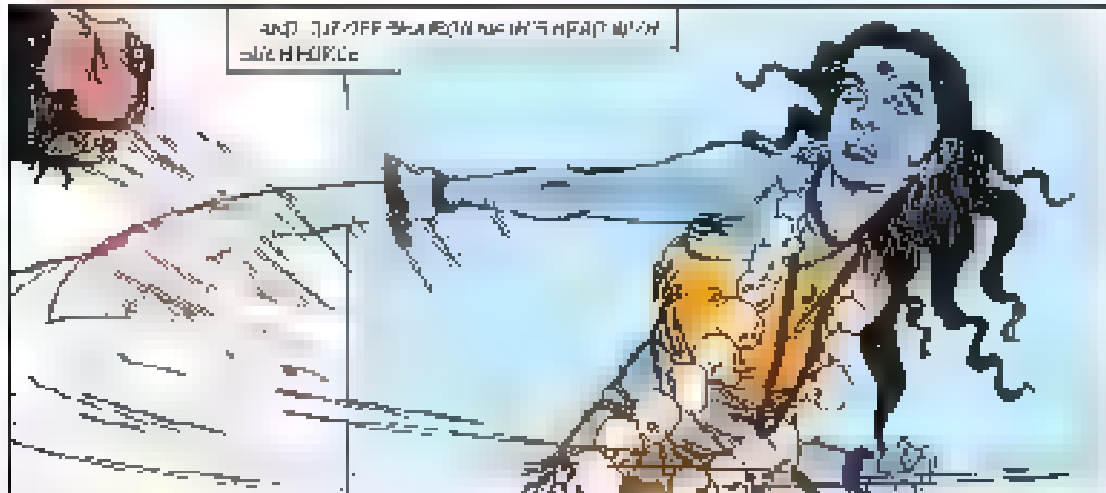




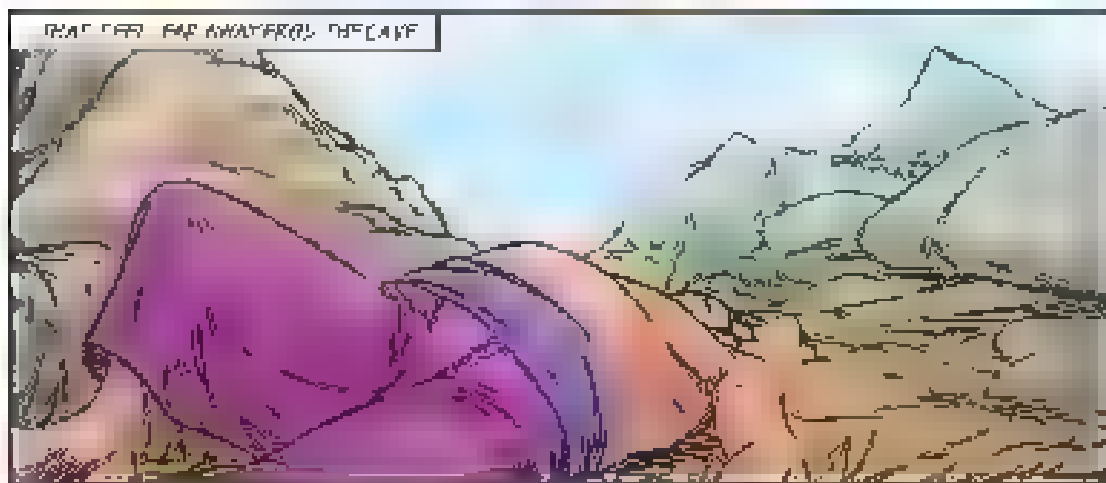
IN HER ANGER, VALDHAM TRANSFORMED  
HERSELF INTO A



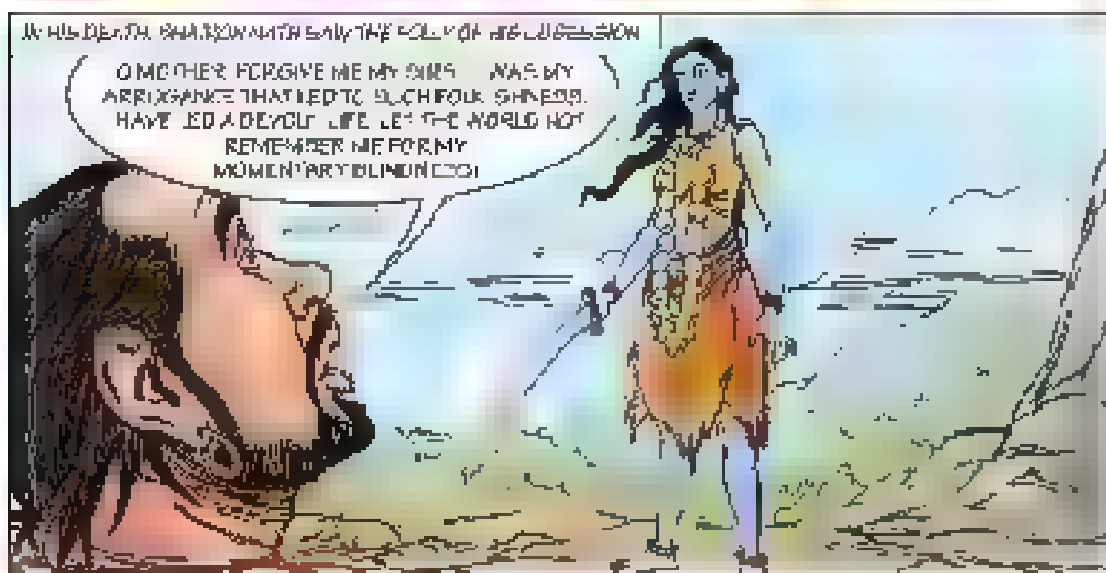
GOODESS OF "CHANGE AND LIES" REVEALED



AND CUT OFF SHARON NATHAN'S HEAD WITH  
SUCH FORCE

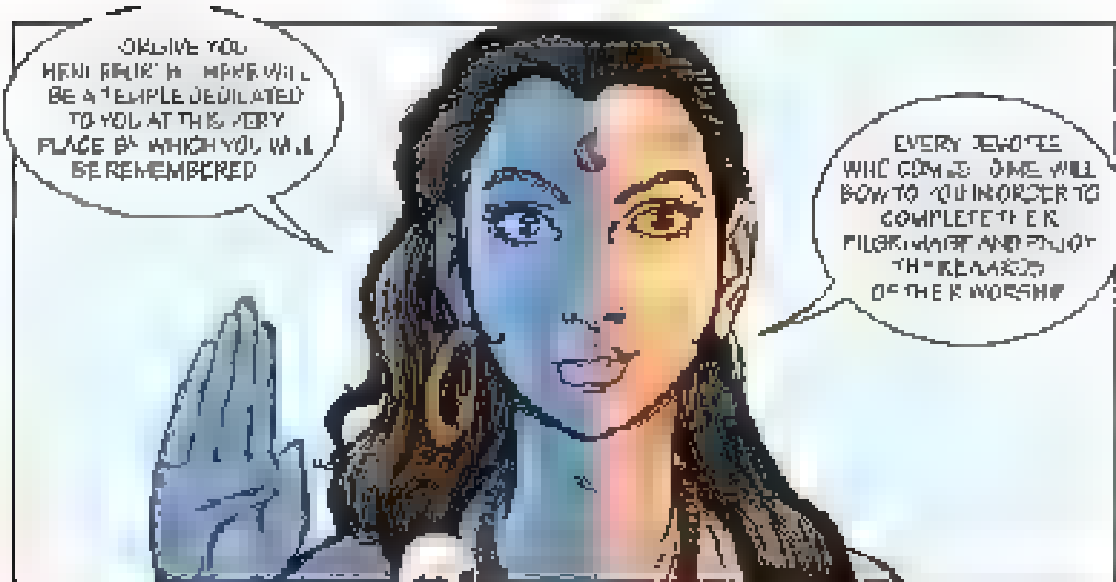


THAT CRIED FAR AWAY FROM THE CAVE

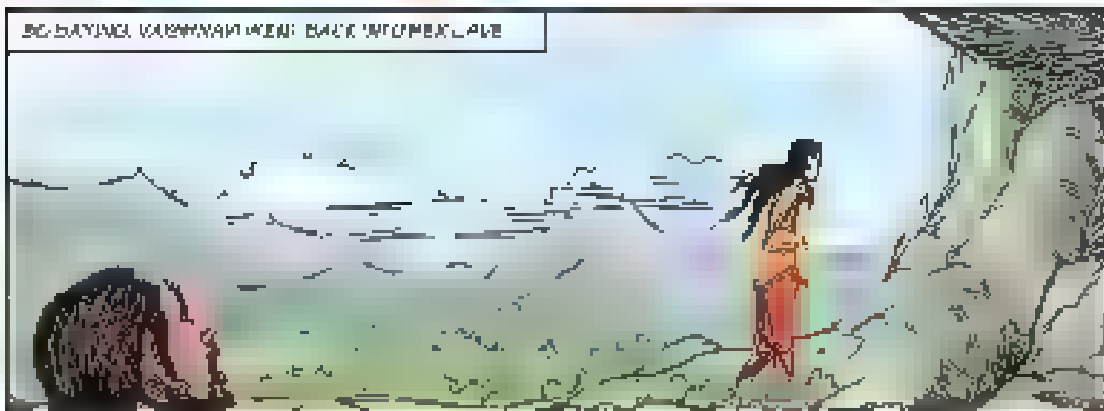


IN HIS DEATH SHARON NATHAN SAID THE FOLLOWING OF HIS LIFE LESSON

ONE OTHER FORGIVE ME MY SIN'S WAS MY  
ARRIVANCE THAT LED TO SUCH FOLK SHINING  
HAVE LED A DEVOUT LIFE LET THE WORLD NOT  
REMEMBER ME FOR MY  
MOMENTARY BLINDNESS



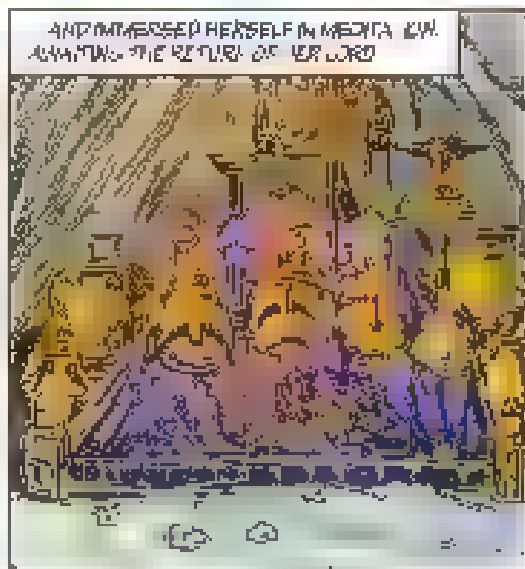
BE SAYING KARMHAYANIENI BACK INTOERLAVE



ASSUMED THE FORM OF A ROKE WITH  
THREE HEADS SIGNIFYING MAHAKAL,  
MAHAKRISHNA AND MAHABARATHA

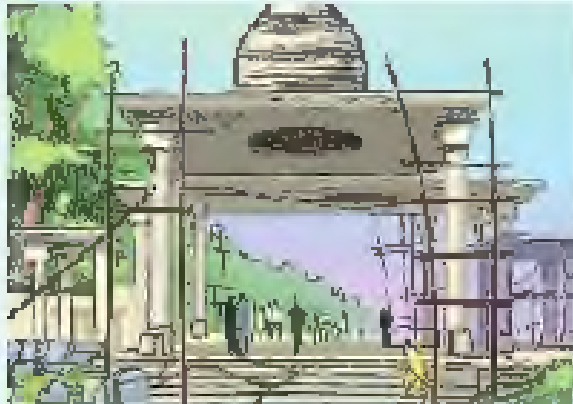


AND IMMERSED HERSELF IN MEDITAION  
AWAITING THE RETURN OF HER LORD



THE GREAT FORMS OF THE THREE GODDESS

THE PLACE RAISHNAJI CHOSE TO MEDITATE IN, IS CALLED VAISHNO DEV. IT IS IN THE STATE OF JAMMU. EVERY YEAR, MILLIONS OF PILGRIMS VISIT THE SHRINE TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO HER. SOME OF THE PLACES THEY STOP AT ON THE WAY UP ARE:



### DARSHANI DARWAZA

THIS IS WHERE THE CLIMB TO THE HOLY SHRINE BEGINS. FROM THIS POINT, ONE CAN GET AN ENTIRE VIEW OF THE TERAI MOUNTAINS. DARSHAN MEANS 'TO VIEW' AND 'DARWAZA' MEANS 'DOOR'.

### SANJHI CHATT

IT IS A SMALL PLATEAU ON THE WAY TO THE HOLY SHRINE AND IS FAMOUS FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE VALLEY. SITUATED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 6200 FT, SANJHI CHATT IS THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE ENTIRE JOURNEY. AT THIS SPOT, THE UPHILL TREK STOPS AND THE DOWNHILL TREK TO VAISHNO DEV BEGINS.

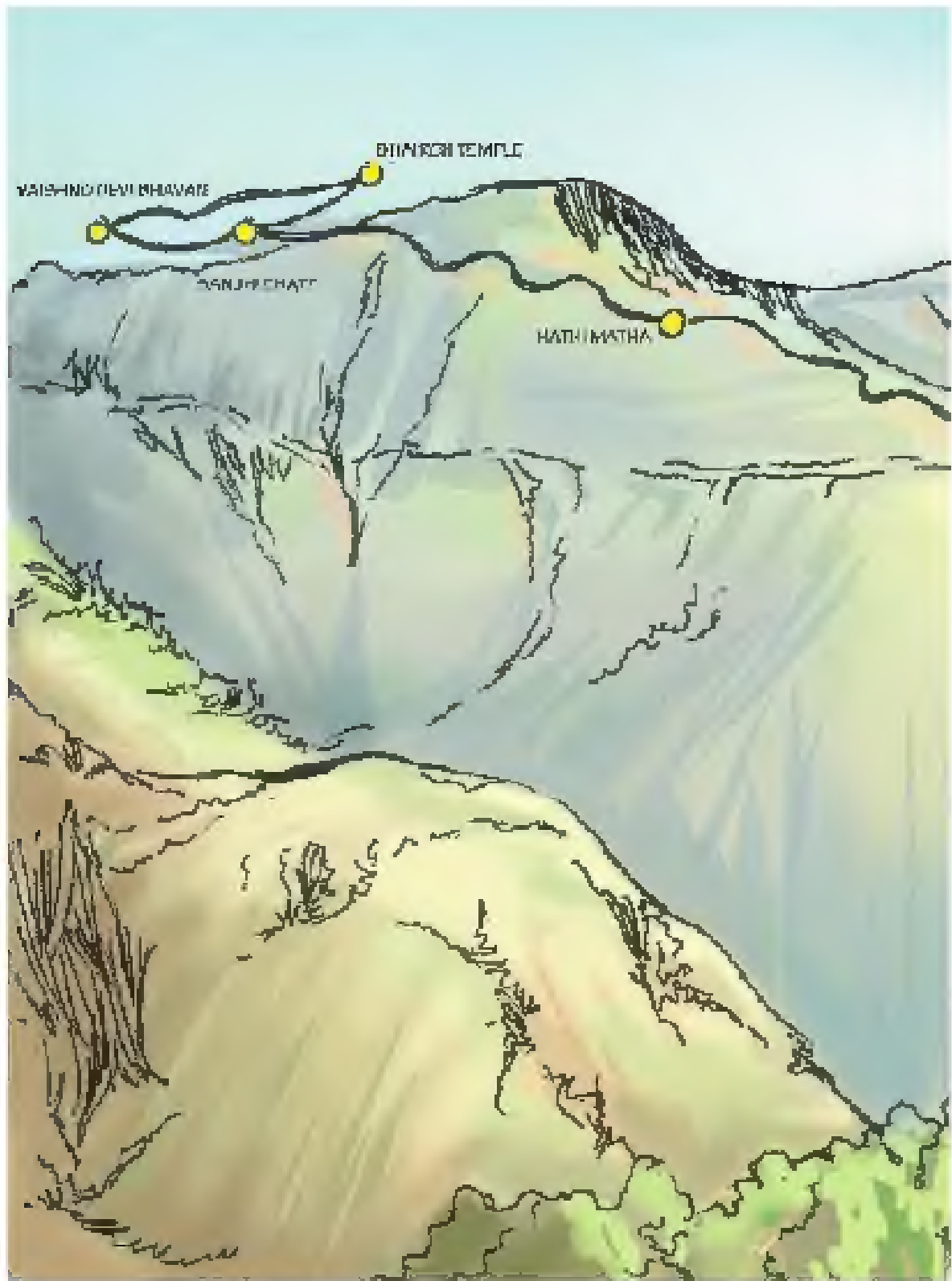


### AMRIT KUND

THIS PLACE STORES THE SACRED WATER CALLED CHAGANAMRIT WHICH FLOWS FROM THE FEET OF THE THREE PINJIRS\*. DEVOTEES TAKE THIS HOLY WATER BACK WITH THEM AS IT IS BELIEVED TO PURIFY THEIR HEARTS AND HOMES.

\* THE ROCK FORM OF THE GODDESS

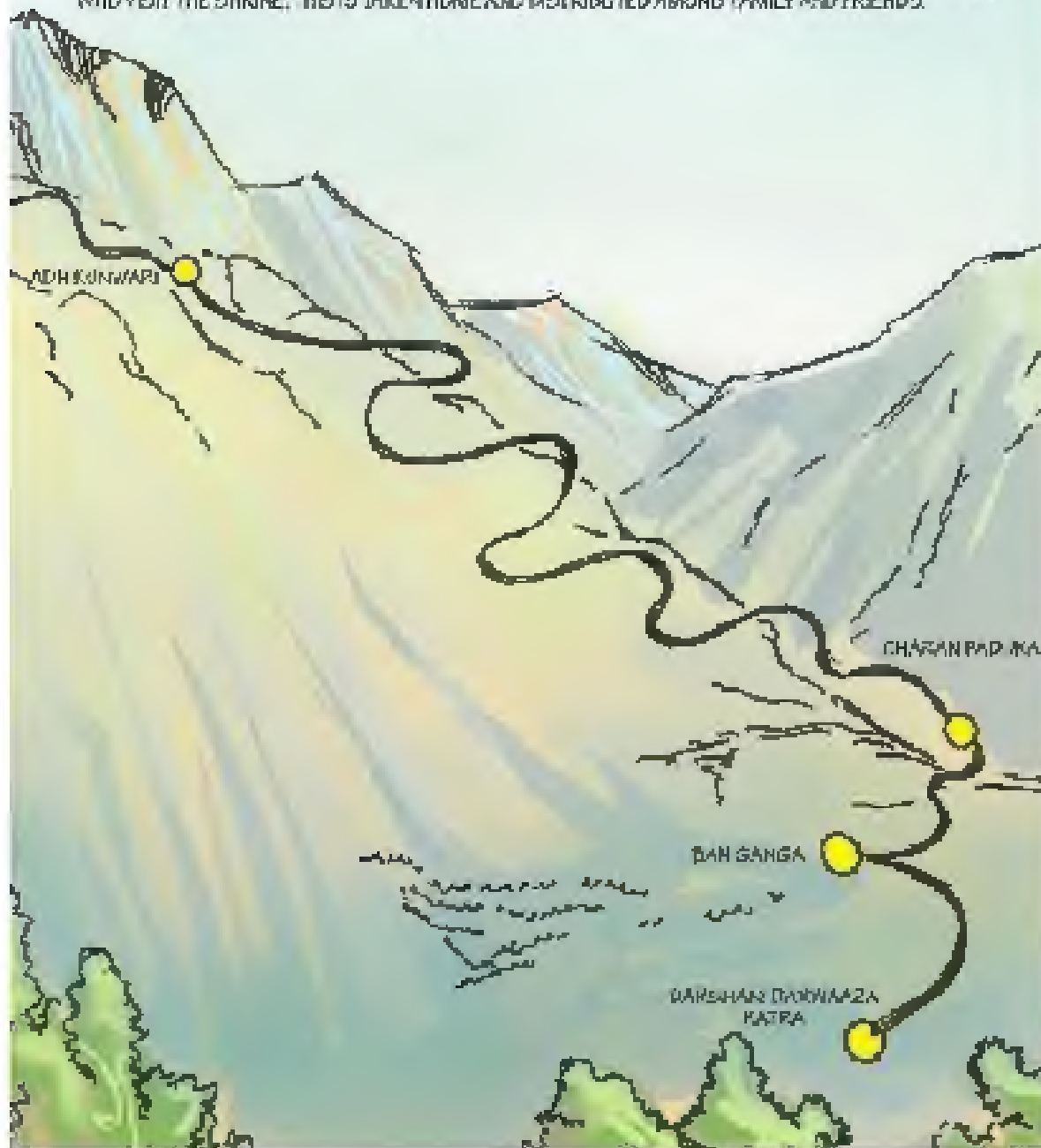




THE TOTAL DISTANCE TO THE SHRINE AT VISHNO DEVI, STARTING FROM KATELA, IS 13 KMS. PILGRIMS PREFER WALKING THE ENTIRE DISTANCE, THOUGH THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE. ONE CAN CHOOSE TO UNDERTAKE THE JOURNEY ON A PONY, IN A PALANQUIN AND ALSO BY HELICOPTER.

ALL PILGRIMS GET A SPECIALLY MINTED COIN CALLED KHAZANA. THE COINS HAVE THE IMAGE OF THE THREE PINJIES ON IT. THE COIN IS SAID TO BRING PROSPERITY TO THE OWNER.

WALNUTS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PRASADA OR SACRED GIFT THAT IS GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE SHRINE. THIS IS TAKEN HOME AND DISTRIBUTED AMONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



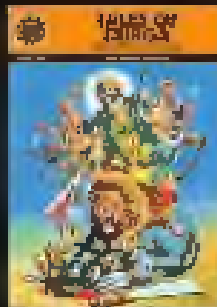
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Dhondert, the earth, was being tormented by evil asuras. She turned to the gods for aid but even the powerful trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, were helpless.

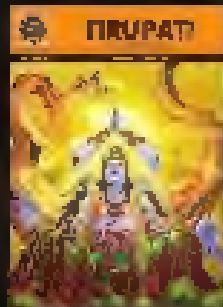
Concerned by the events, their consorts, Saraswati, Lalahmi and Parvati combined their powers and created Vaishnavi, a woman of unsurpassed strength. Vaishnavi fought and destroyed the asuras but the goddesses asked her to stay on and not return to heaven. Though Vaishnavi did not realise it, her story was only just beginning.

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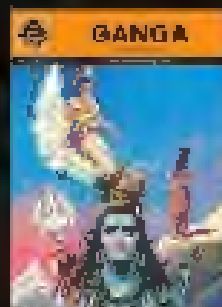
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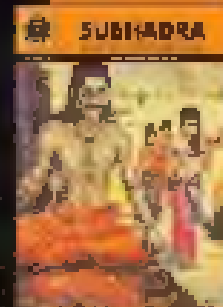
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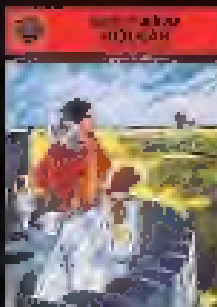


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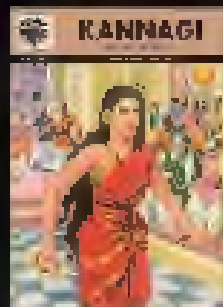


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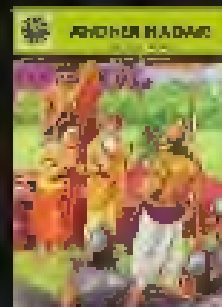
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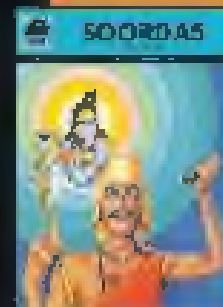
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